

*Conference Substitute:* The House receded to the Senate.

*Sec. 738. Approval for purchases of securities*

*Senate Position:* The Senate bill at section 315 authorizes a majority of the entire board of directors of a bank to vote on the purchase of securities from an affiliate, based on a determination that the purchase is a sound investment for the bank. Such a standard does not exist under current law, which simply requires the vote to be taken by a majority of independent directors.

*House Position:* No provision.

*Conference Substitute:* The House receded to the Senate.

*Sec. 739. Optional conversion of Federal savings associations*

*Senate Position:* The Senate bill at section 602 allows a Federal savings association chartered prior to the date of enactment to convert into one or more national banks, subject to the approval of the OCC, each of which may encompass one or more of the branches of the Federal savings association in one or more States.

*House Position:* No provision.

*Conference Substitute:* The House recedes to the Senate with an amendment.

The amendment would allow the conversion to State as well as national banks.

*Sec. 740. Grand jury proceedings*

*Senate Position:* No provision.

*House Position:* No provision.

*Conference Substitute:* The Conferees adopted a provision that would permit U.S. Attorneys offices to seek a court order to provide financial institution regulatory agencies with access to grand jury material, giving State regulatory agencies parity with Federal regulatory agencies.

From the Committee on Banking and Financial Services, for consideration of the Senate bill, and the House amendment, and modifications committed to conference:

JAMES A. LEACH,  
BILL MCCOLLUM,  
MARGE ROUKEMA,  
DOUG BEREUTER,  
RICK LAZIO,  
SPENCER BACHUS,  
MICHAEL N. CASTLE,  
JOHN J. LAFALCE,  
BRUCE F. VENTO,

As additional conferees from the Committee on Banking and Financial Services, for consideration of titles I, III (except section 304), IV, and VII of the Senate bill, and the title I of the House amendment, and modifications committed to conference:

PAUL E. KANJORSKI,  
CAROL B. MALONEY,

As additional conferees from the Committee on Banking and Financial Services, for consideration of title V of the Senate bill, and title II of the House amendment, and modifications committed to conference:

PAUL E. KANJORSKI,  
CAROL B. MALONEY,  
JAMES H. MALONEY,

As additional conferees from the Committee on Banking and Financial Services, for consideration of title II of the Senate bill, and title III of the House amendment, and modifications committed to conference:

PAUL E. KANJORSKI,  
CAROL B. MALONEY,  
NYDIA M. VELÁZQUEZ,  
DARLENE HOOLEY,

As additional conferees from the Committee on Banking and Financial Services, for consideration of title VI of the Senate bill, and title IV of the House amendment, and modifications committed to conference:

CAROL B. MALONEY,  
LUIS V. GUTIERREZ,  
KEN BENTSEN,

As additional conferees from the Committee on Banking and Financial Services, for consideration of section 304 of the Senate bill, and title V of the House amendment, and modifications committed to conference:

PAUL E. KANJORSKI,  
GARY L. ACKERMAN,

From the Committee on Commerce, for consideration of the Senate bill, and the House amendment, and modifications committed to conference:

TOM BLILEY,  
MICHAEL G. OXLEY,  
BILLY TAUZIN,  
PAUL GILLMOR,  
JAMES GREENWOOD,  
CHRIS COX,  
STEVE LARGENT,  
BRIAN BILBRAY,  
E. TOWNS,  
DIANA DEGETTE,  
LOIS CAPPS,

Provided that Mr. Rush is appointed in lieu of Mrs. Capps for consideration of section 316 of the Senate bill:

BOBBY L. RUSH,

From the Committee on Agriculture, for consideration of title V of the House amendment, and modifications committed to conference:

LARRY COMBEST,  
THOMAS W. EWING,  
CHARLES W. STENHOLM,

From the Committee on the Judiciary, for consideration of sections 104(a), 104(d)(3), and 104(f)(2) of the Senate bill, and sections 104(a)(3), 104(d)(3)(A), 104(b)(4)(B), 136(b), 136(d)-(e), 141-44, 197, 301, 306 of the House amendment, and modifications committed to conference:

HENRY HYDE,  
GEORGE W. GEKAS,

From the Committee on Banking and Financial Services, for consideration of section 101 of the Senate bill and section 101 of the House amendment: Mr. King is appointed in lieu of Mr. Bachus; Mr. Royce is appointed in lieu of Mr. Castle

PETER T. KING,  
ED ROYCE,

From the Committee on Commerce, for consideration of section 101 of the Senate bill and section 101 of the House amendment: Mrs. Wilson is appointed in lieu of Mr. Largent; Mr. Fossella is appointed in lieu of Mr. Bilbray

HEATHER WILSON,  
VITO FOSSELLA,

*Managers on the Part of the House.*

PHIL GRAMM,  
CONNIE MACK,  
ROBERT F. BENNETT,  
ROD GRAMS,  
WAYNE ALLARD,  
MICHAEL B. ENZI,  
CHUCK HAGEL,  
RICK SANTORUM,  
JIM BUNNING,  
MIKE CRAPO,  
PAUL SARBANES,  
CHRISTOPHER J. DODD,  
JOHN F. KERRY,  
TIM JOHNSON,  
JACK REED,  
CHARLES SCHUMER,  
EVAN BAYH,  
JOHN EDWARDS,

*Managers on the Part of the Senate.*

NOTIFICATION OF INTENT TO OFFER RESOLUTION RAISING QUESTION OF PRIVILEGES OF THE HOUSE

Mr. WISE. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to clause 2(a)(1) of House rule IX, I rise to give notice of my intent to offer a question of privileges of the House expressing the sense that its rights and integrity have been impugned.

The form of the resolution is as follows:

Calling on the President to abstain from renegotiating international agreements governing antidumping and countervailing measures.

Whereas under Art. I, Section 8 of the Constitution, the Congress has power and responsibility with regard to foreign commerce and the conduct of international trade negotiations;

Whereas the House of Representatives is deeply concerned that, in connection with the World Trade Organization ("WTO") Ministerial meeting to be held in Seattle, Washington, and the multilateral trade negotiations expected to follow, a few countries are seeking to circumvent the agreed list of negotiation topics and reopen debate over the WTO's antidumping and antisubsidy rules;

Whereas the Congress has not approved new negotiations on antidumping or antisubsidy rules and has clearly, but so far informally, signaled its opposition to such negotiations;

Whereas strong antidumping and antisubsidy rules are a cornerstone of the liberal trade policy of the United States and are essential to the health of the manufacturing and farm sectors in the United States;

Whereas it has long been and remains the policy of the United States to support its antidumping and antisubsidy laws and to defend those laws in international negotiations;

Whereas, under present circumstances, launching a negotiation that includes antidumping and antisubsidy issues would affect the rights of the House and the integrity of its proceedings;

Whereas the WTO antidumping and antisubsidy rules concluded in the Uruguay Round have scarcely been tested since they entered into effect and certainly have not proved defective;

Whereas opening these rules to renegotiation could only lead to weakening them, which would in turn lead to even greater abuse of the world's open markets, particularly that of the United States;

Whereas conversely, avoiding another divisive fight over these rules is the best way to promote progress on the other, far more important, issues facing WTO members; and

Whereas it is therefore essential that negotiations on these antidumping and antisubsidy matters not be reopened under the auspices of the WTO or otherwise: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the House of Representatives calls upon the President—

(1) not to participate in any international negotiation in which antidumping or antisubsidy rules are part of the negotiating agenda;

(2) to refrain from submitting for congressional approval agreements that require changes to the current antidumping and countervailing duty laws and enforcement policies of the United States; and

(3) to enforce the antidumping and countervailing duty laws vigorously in all pending and future cases.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under rule IX, a resolution offered from the floor by a Member other than the majority leader or the minority leader as a question of the privileges of the House has immediate precedence only at a time designated by the Chair within 2 legislative days after the resolution is properly noticed.

Pending that designation, the form of the resolution noticed by the gentleman from West Virginia will appear in the RECORD at this point.

The Chair will not at this point determine whether the resolution constitutes a question of privilege. That determination will be made at the time designated for consideration of the resolution.

Mr. WISE. Mr. Speaker, I would ask to be heard at the appropriate time on the question of whether this resolution constitutes a question of privilege.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman will be notified.

Mr. WISE. I thank the Speaker.

#### CONFERRING STATUS AS AN HONORARY VETERAN OF THE UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES ON ZACHARY FISHER

Mr. STUMP. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 46) conferring status as an honorary veteran of the United States Armed Forces on Zachary Fisher.

The Clerk read as follows:

H.J. RES. 46

Whereas the United States has only once before conferred on an individual status as an honorary veteran of the United States Armed Forces, when in Public Law 105-67 Congress conferred that status on Leslie Townes (Bob) Hope;

Whereas status as an honorary veteran of the United States Armed Forces is and should remain an extraordinary honor not lightly conferred nor frequently granted;

Whereas the lifetime of accomplishments and generosity of Zachary Fisher on behalf of United States military servicemembers, veterans, and their families through a wide range of philanthropic activities fully justifies the conferring of such status;

Whereas Zachary Fisher is himself not a veteran, having attempted to enlist in the Armed Forces to serve his country during World War II, but being informed that he was ineligible due to a preexisting medical condition;

Whereas Zachary Fisher and his wife Elizabeth have as private citizens enhanced the lives of thousands of servicemembers, veterans, and their families through a wide range of philanthropic activities;

Whereas Zachary Fisher has been honored by each of the branches of the Armed Forces, by the Departments of Defense and Veterans Affairs, and by the major veterans service organizations for projects such as the preservation of the USS INTREPID as a sea-air-space museum in New York harbor, the establishment of the Fisher House program for relatives of critically ill members of the Armed Forces and their families, and the furnishing of scholarships and other financial support to families who have lost a loved one in service to their country; and

Whereas Zachary Fisher has been awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom in recognition of his extraordinary patriotism and philanthropy: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That Congress—*

(1) extends its gratitude, on behalf of the American people, to Zachary Fisher for his lifetime of accomplishments and philanthropy on behalf of United States military servicemembers; and

(2) confers upon Zachary Fisher the status of an honorary veteran of the United States Armed Forces.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Arizona (Mr. STUMP) and the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. EVANS) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Arizona (Mr. STUMP).

#### GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. STUMP. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous matter on this legislation.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Arizona?

There was no objection.

Mr. STUMP. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, House Joint Resolution 46 is a joint resolution conferring status as an honorary veteran of the United States Armed Forces on Zachary Fisher.

Mr. Fisher was a well-known ardent supporter of the U.S. military personnel and their families. Unfortunately, Mr. Fisher passed away last June. He was the founder of the Fisher Houses at military facilities, as well as on the grounds of the VA medical centers. Servicemembers and veterans or their families can stay at Fisher Houses while receiving medical treatment.

The Fisher Houses are tangible evidence of Zachary Fisher's commitment to servicemen and their veterans, but more important, for the intangible comfort these respite provided during the difficult times for their families.

In addition to the Fisher Houses, Zachary Fisher has established foundations that provided college scholarships to military dependents, and also gave generously to families and military members struck by tragic losses.

Zachary Fisher's efforts on behalf of our men and women in uniform, as well as veterans and their families, have earned the honor we bestow today. I strongly urge my colleagues to support this resolution.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. EVANS. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, before expressing my strong support for this resolution, I want to take a few moments to make

some brief remarks commending and thanking Jill Cochran.

Jill, as many Members know, is an outstanding individual who has served as a member of the Democratic staff of the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. She is a Democratic staff director on the Subcommittee on Benefits, who will be retiring early next month after a career of 25 years. During this time she has been devoted to working with and on behalf of our Nation's veterans.

Mr. Speaker, Jill has played a significant role in fashioning much of the major veterans' legislation enacted by Congress during the past 25 years. The list of her major contributions is so long I am unable to recite it in the time available. I will, however, recognize her many accomplishments in a statement in the near future.

She will obviously be missed, but for everything there is a season. It would be easy to think about ourselves at this time and fret about her absence. Instead, we wish her only the best as she embarks on a new path in her life.

At this time I merely want to say, thank you, Jill, for all you have done and accomplished for our Nation's servicemen and women.

Mr. Speaker, I also rise in strong support of this resolution, which would confer status as an honorary veteran of the United States Armed Forces on Zachary Fisher. I regret that this action on this resolution was not completed before his death earlier this year, but I believe that approval of this joint resolution will be meaningful to his widow, Elizabeth, and to the entire Fisher family. Certainly it would be a gesture of tremendous importance to the men and women who serve in our Armed Forces and to our veterans.

To put it simply, Zachary Fisher loved his country. He loved those who served their country through their military service. The contributions made by Mr. and Mrs. Fisher which have enhanced the lives of many military personnel and their families, and have honored their service and sacrifice, are extraordinary.

Mr. Fisher was a remarkable man who lived an extraordinary life. In his statement regarding Mr. Fisher's death, the President said, "Mr. Fisher helped all Americans repay the tremendous debt we owe to our men and women who every day risk their lives to defend our country and to advance the cause of freedom around the world. I am proud to present him with the Presidential Medal of Freedom last Fall."

I am proud to stand in support of House Joint Resolution 46, and I urge my colleagues to support this measure.

Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of H.J. Res. 46, which would confer status as an honorary veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces on Zachary Fisher.

I regret that action on this resolution was not completed prior to Mr. Fisher's death earlier this year, but I believe that approval of this